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seen. In 140 minutes between the hours noted, 70 Leonids were counted, 36 of these falling in the hour from 14h 25m to 15^h 25^m. At 13^h 46^m 45^s ± 2^s P. S. T., a magnificent *Leonid* lighted up the entire sky and threw strong shadows. My attention was diverted at the instant; so I leave further description of the meteor itself to others. The train, when seen, extended a little north of the line joining δ Leonis and 93 Leonis, with a bright, bluish-white smoke-cloud near the former star. For many minutes this cloud had all the appearance of a bright naked-eye comet. Gradually it became more diffuse, and drifted toward the south into a nearly horizontal position. At 14h 12m it extended from & Leonis toward & Leonis, the southern part being the denser. It was visible for nearly forty-five minutes altogether. Another brilliant green Leonid, several times as bright as Sirius, fell at 14^h 37^m 13^s \pm 5^s from a point a little north of β Leonis toward the eastern horizon. When it burst, it left a smoke-cloud -bluish-white-that was visible even in the thick haze for at least five minutes. Several other Leonids with long bright trains were seen—but only the two noted left smoke-clouds.

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THE LEONIDS IN 1898.

The Leonids were observed and charted at the University of the Pacific, College Park, Cal., with the following results: November 12th, 14h to 17h 30m P. S. T., 75 meteors were seen within 25° of the radiant, 64 of them being classified as Leonids; November 13, 13h 40m to 17h 0m, 45 meteors, 37 being Leonids; November 14, 13h 45m to 15h 15m, 34 meteors, 26 being Leonids. Clouds stopped the observations on the 14th, and prevented work on the 15th. On the 14th a count was also made by Mr. Norman Titus, a student, at his home in West Side (numbers not given). My best night was Saturday, November 12th, though it would have been surpassed by Monday, the 14th, but for the fog—the average number of Leonids per hour on the two nights for the time of observation being 18 and 20, respectively.

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